DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
21 Soup Day
28 SR/Nildottie Youth - Games
30 Pedal Prix at Victoria Park

JUNE
3 Bowling Club Roast Night
11 Parents & Friends Meeting
14 Queen’s Birthday
18 SR/Nildottie Youth - Bowling
28 Biggest Morning Tea

Occasional Care for children 2 years and over
Friday mornings 8.45am - 11.45am
Held in conjunction with the Kindergarten
For bookings, phone: 8570 2032 Wednesday or Friday

Swan Reach Playgroup
Tuesdays - 10.00am in the Kindy.
All children from birth to age 5 are most welcome.
Bring a piece of fruit to share.
Ring Trish - 8570 1080 - for more information.

MID MURRAY IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
10.30am - 11.00am
at the Swan Reach Area School/Community Library
3rd Tuesday of each month except December.
FREE Pneumococcal Vaccination is available for infants up to 2 years
Please book through the Cambrai Council office on 8564 6020

Year 10 students Maddie, Ashlea and Caitlin present their culinary efforts after their Home Economics on Loud Shirt Day last week.
"If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn’t call it genius." – Michelangelo
Some people look at others and think they’ve got it easy. In an educational context it is usually the students who look at others who get the grades or teacher’s praise without effort. Getting results actually takes a lot of commitment and independence; these are skills we can all develop.

Cluster Meeting
Last Tuesday teaching staff from SRAS, Mannum Community College (MCC) and Cambrai Area School held a combined staff meeting at MCC. The majority of attendees thought that it was a great opportunity to discuss the literacy methods/resources that other schools are using but that the time allocated wasn’t long enough. As such we are currently looking at a combined Student Free Day centring on National Curriculum, Writing Strategies and sharing resources.

Literacy & Numeracy Diagnostic
Our school will be taking part in a Diagnostic Review process in the first week of Term 3 as part of the Federal Government’s Education Revolution. The aim of this process is to look at ways of building on student learning outcomes in literacy and enhancing the education programs for our students both now and into the future. The visiting team comprises people from the Department of Education and Children’s Services, our Regional Office and a teacher from the staff. Many staff, students and parents will be involved in interview or discussion groups. Student learning will be observed and an extensive range of school data analysed. It is anticipated that the report would soon be back in the school and that its findings will provide directions for school development over the next 3 years. After the diagnostic review we will work to further develop our literacy teaching and learning programs. Thank you in anticipation to all who contribute to this process. It will provide our school with commendations and recommendations to assist us enhance our teaching and learning programs.

Kylie Eggers
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Give Away:
Leica needs a loving home.
Please ring: 8570 2326
or contact Lyn Dettloff.

EMERGENCY RELIEF & FINANCIAL COUNSELLING
Available at Swan Reach Community Hall
3-5 Nildottie Road Swan Reach every Wednesday
Emergency Relief provides for an immediate need to overcome an unforeseen event.
For appointments or further information please phone: Lutheran Community Care 8562 2688

SWAN REACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ROBERT TAYLOR HOUSE
Remedial Massage Practitioner,
Ann Wilde,
will hold Wednesday Clinics.
For appointment - Phone 8568 1789 mobile 0438 894 431
Loss & Lifestyle Change Counsellor,
Laura Wardleworth
Free consultations the 1st Wednesday of each month.
For appointments phone: (08) 8563 8544
Week 3
Elise Horstmann for being the first student to accomplish her goal. Her goal was to understand and be able to explain the life-cycle of a butterfly. Well done for reaching Reading Level 13!

Week 4
Liana Webster for learning her 3 x tables and reaching Reading Level 15!

Congratulations to Chelsea Haby and Ryan Wiebrecht for reaching Reading Level 2! Keep up the great work!

The Mobile Servicing Unit (Drought Bus) will be available at the Robert Taylor House Community Health Centre, Nildottie Road, Swan Reach on June 2nd 2010 between 10.30am and 4.00pm.

We encourage farmers, irrigators, small businesses and the general public to visit us to see how we may be able to help them.

HEAD LICE
Parents are asked to check their child/ren’s heads on a regular basis for HEAD LICE.

Students in Years 6 – 9 had their hair checked this week. Head lice do not differentiate between clean or dirty hair, 5 year olds or 15 year olds, boys or girls. Students have been reminded NOT TO SHARE HATS, BRUSHES or COMBS and it has been recommended to all girls with long hair that they wear their hair in a pony tail, plait or pig tails.

IT’S NOT JUST THE SPELLING THAT IS HARD IN ENGLISH! SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN READ THIS TO YOUR CHILDREN.

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
   Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, lough and through?
   Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
To learn of less familiar traps?
   Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
   And dead: it's said like bed, not bead -
For goodness sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt).
   A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
   And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's dose and rose and lose -
   Just look them up - and goose and choose,
And cork and work and card and ward,
   And font and front and word and sword,
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I've hardly made a start!
   A dreadful language? Man alive!
I'd mastered it when I was five!

Hemsley (Year Unknown)
SWAN REACH
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

ROAST NIGHT

Pork & Beef with Vegetables
Dessert
Thursday June 3rd
2 courses
Only $12.50
Bar open from 5.00pm

For bookings phone Jackie: 8570 2499
or Irene: 8570 2009

The Dietician (Country Health SA) visits Swan Reach from Tanunda. Appointments are free and no doctor’s referral is required. Reasons for seeing a dietician include nutrition in pregnancy, children’s nutrition, underweight, nutrient deficiencies, digestive disorders, allergies, overweight, diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure. To make a referral phone Healthlink on 1800 003 307. The dietician is also available to run workshops with some groups - phone 8563 0690 for details.
SWAN REACH/NILDOTTIE YOUTH

‘INDOOR GAMES’

Friday May 28th
7.00pm to 9.00pm
at the Swan Reach Church Hall
BYO drinks
Supper supplied
Gold Coin Donation
(Youth is for those in Year 6 and older)
Please note: Ten Pin Bowling - Friday June 18th

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents & Friends will hold their next meeting at 9.00am on June 11th, in the library. All welcome.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea will be held at 10.00am, Friday May 28th, also in the library. Please bring a plate to share and a teapot for the Teapot Competition.

SOUP DAY

Friday May 21st (tomorrow)
Homemade Chicken Soup and a bread roll - $1.50
Soup refills - 50c
Please bring your own cup
Money raised will go towards the purchase of Sumo suits for Undokai.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Last week saw the Yr 3s and 5s sit the NAPLAN tests. Even though there were a few nerves I know they all did their best. Areas covered were: spelling, grammar, writing, reading comprehension and maths. Results will not be known until later in the year.

Next week, Wednesday to Friday, the Rec – 10s will be involved in a dance workshop run by Jade from Ausdance. Jade is a fantastic tutor who motivates even the most reluctant participant to dance! There will be no cost to parents as it will be fully funded by the school. As a finale the Receptions to Year 10 will give a performance at 1.45 - 2.15pm on Friday 28th, in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Cameron Horstmann who recently competed in the SAPSASA Athletics at Santos Stadium. He had a very successful day and his results are in Mr Schmidt’s report.

Now that the mornings are quite cool please ensure that your child wears a named jumper to school. There have been quite a few shivering little bodies this week.

Chicken soup will be available for lunch this Friday at a cost of $1.50. A bread roll is included in the price. Refills will be available for 50c. Each child is to bring their own named cup.

Have a good fortnight.

Anne Wilksch

Last year’s dance stars
**Pedal Prix 2010**

The first race of the season is on **Sunday 30th of May at the Victoria Park Racecourse**.
The Pedal Prix series has 3 races, the others are on the 25th July at Victoria Park and the last one at Murray Bridge on the 18th and 19th of September at the Sturt Reserve.
Competitors are expected to be at the Victoria Park Racecourse by 9.00am with the race starting at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. I am assuming that all team members will be present, even if not racing on the day as only 10 riders can race. We will be going by private transport and would appreciate help with transport for some of the team. All cars should be parked outside the circuit in the S.A.J.C. carpark and enter from Fullarton Road.

A range of hot and cold food, drinks, tea and coffee will be available from 8.00am or alternatively bring your own food and drinks for the day.

We are looking for several parents to act as Track Marshalls for a small amount of time on race days. This would require some training that does not take up much of your time to complete. You do not need previous experience. Our Pit number is 121, which is roughly where we were last year. Helmets and glasses are compulsory which most students have already.

The trailer is finished and I must thank the students, Phil Carter, Justin Andriske, Jim Eglinton for the construction and Adam Opie for the painting. It looks fantastic and is a credit to the school and Pedal Prix team. I would like to thank the Swan Reach Hotel for their sponsorship of the shirts and all of our sponsors who have generously donated time and money.

It is an exciting time and everybody is looking forward to race day.
Leigh Martinson

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**SWAN REACH KINDY NEWS**

We have learnt about the celebrations that take place in Japan for Children’s Day. With Hiro helping we have made Samurai Helmets out of newspaper to show strength and bravery.

Japanese parents also want their children to grow up strong and healthy and be good citizens, so the making of a family group of colourful fish and hanging them out side of the house would symbolize this. Many questions were asked about the traditional Japanese dress and costumes worn for special events. Currently we are learning the meaning and shape of a number of letters in the Japanese alphabet.

“Undokai” will be held at Swan Reach Area School early in term 2 and we are happy to have the chance to invite the Morgan preschool to join in with the games and fun on the day.

Morgan has a Japanese language program operating for their children as we have through the Language etc group.

Mother’s day was a popular event with the children presenting mum with a butterfly and bow decorated mirror and a great posy of flowers from our Kindy garden. It was a good feeling for all to find out that the mums liked their presents.

The Kindergarten Governing Council General Meeting was held in the kindergarten last Tuesday. Discussions centered on fund raising and applying for grants to help augment our tight budget.

Our children have such a great understanding of the eat healthy program in the Kindy and can easily tell you what foods belong in each colour group. Mind you the occasional piece of chocolate cake or lamington is hard to place for all of us! We often open lunch boxes at noon and let the children decide which foods are the better ones. Staff have to be a part of it too. We mostly comply. At fruit time we find that we are getting a bigger variety of fruit on the plate and we have great taste triers.

Remember, continue to save all of your **Bread Tags, Can Ring Pulls** and used **Printer Cartridges** for our Kindergarten recycling project.

Claire.
This term two of our talented students have been selected in Murraylands SAPSASA teams. Quite an achievement when you consider the amount of children in the whole area, including Tailem Bend, Murray Bridge, Mannum and their surrounding towns. **Cameron Horstmann** was selected in the SAPSASA Athletics team. He competed in the State Country Championships at SANTOS stadium on May 3rd. Cameron gained a silver medal in the 10 year old boys long jump and a gold medal in the 10 year old boys 4x100m relay. **Nicole Carter** has been selected as a member of the SAPSASA Netball team and is competing at the State Championships in Adelaide this week. Nicole has a full week of netball matches at ETSA Park, and we look forward to hearing how she went. **Congratulations Cameron and Nicole**, a fantastic effort by you both! Trish Horstmann

This is an invitation for students to participate in a research study which looks at attitudes and perceptions of the tax system and the School Education Program. The survey will take around 15-20 minutes. Every student who completes the survey will be given the chance to go into a prize draw for one of twenty $50 gift vouchers. Follow the link to: http://www.smet.com.au/surveys/ia20162.asp The survey will close on Friday 28th May. Students can complete the online survey at a convenient time, for example, after school hours or at home.

**Middle School - Society and Environment (SOSE)**

Learning through SOSE involves students in developing knowledge, skills and values that enable them to participate, in a range of ways, as ethical, active and informed citizens in a democratic society within a global community.

Because of the composite classes in Middle School the program is based on a two year rotation. All study topics in SOSE fall within one of four curriculum strands which are:

- **‘Time, Continuity and Change’** where for example students in the past, researched motives and actions from perspectives of power, by studying the backgrounds and achievements of the Prime Ministers of Australia since WW1.

- **‘Place, Space and Environment’** where students have studied ‘Themes in Geography’ which includes Australia’s place and space, Australia’s landforms and deserts, and Australia’s climate. Another topic studied was ‘Going, Going, Gone’, an investigation into a threatened species with the requirement that students develop a proposed action plan to help protect that species.

- **‘Societies and Cultures’** where students have studied multiculturalism in Australia, identifying the different religious practices since European settlement, and the diversity within our society including indigenous Australians, with belief systems as the basis.

- **‘Social Systems’** where students have studied ‘Economy and Society’ looking at the role of consumers in society, types of business activity in Australia, trading as a nation, and from an economic perspective, the three levels of government were researched in relation to sources of income and areas of spending.

A recent successful topic in SOSE has been ‘A WW1 Story’ where all Middle School students have researched one aspect of war and presented their ‘story’ as a poster. This resulted with stories as diverse as horses in war, the white feather, weapons, life in the trenches and the Gallipoli landing.

Graeme Buchan
Junior Primary and Primary Society and Environment

Anzac Day
The students from reception to year 5 spent Friday afternoon learning about Anzac Day. They made Anzac biscuits, read ‘Simpson and his donkey’ written by Mark Greenwood and completed a literacy activity.

Community Conversations

Professor John Halsey
Sidney Myer Chair of Rural Education and Communities invites you to participate in an evening of information and conversation about the research undertaken at the 2010 Karoonda Farm Fair

Wednesday 16th June
7.30 – 9.30pm
with supper to follow
at the Council Chambers
District Council of Karoonda East Murray
11 Railway Tce Karoonda

The Evening’s Program;
Introducing the work of the Chair and its aims
Presentation of the Karoonda Farm Fair survey results
Q&A
Conversations and Building Relationships about such things as:

* education in rural and regional settings: is there more we can do?
* outside the box thinking to strengthen rural education and communities
* turning the tide on the exodus of youth from rural areas

RSVP: District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Tel: 8578 1004
By COB 9th June 2010
MAMMOTH MONASH MARKET

Sunday, May 30th

Approx 90 Stalls
MONASH SCHOOL GROUNDS

Come along and enjoy the fun
Gold Coin Entry
10.00 am – 3.00 pm

‘8 Ball’ Band           Riverland Stage Band        Turbo the Clown
Indian Food             Greek Souvlaki                  Scrapbooking supplies
Raffle Draw             Show Bags                      Jewellery Stalls
Plants & Produce       Cakes                          Sweets
BBQ’s                   Chilli Dogs                    Savoury Potatoes
Outdoor furniture       Barmera Kindergym              Rosie’s School of Dance
Devonshire Tea          Hot Chips                      Donuts
Crafts                  Jumping Castles                Beer and Wine Booth
Line Dancing            Soft Drinks                   Bric a Brac
Leather Goods          Hamburgers                    Body Products/Cosmetics
Kettle Corn             Children’s Toys                Sweet & Sour Liquorice
Chair-O-Plane           Homemade Condiments            Face Painting & Crazy Hair

Society and Environment
Miss Vine’s R/1 Class
This term we are continuing to learn about communities. The students discuss their family. We have also discussed the Swan Reach Area School and surrounding community. Each student has begun making their own Photo story on the computer.

Society and Environment
Mrs. Bolt’s Yr 4/5 Class
This term students have begun learning about the history of Australia and its settlement. Students have completed an online web quest and have now begun their individual research projects.

Society and Environment
Mrs Horstmann’s Yr 2/3 Class
The 2/3 class have been learning about saving the planet. We are looking at water, air and energy and learning about the 4 R’s of a sustainable environment; recycle, reuse, reduce and rethink.

Society and Environment
Miss Vine’s R/1 Class

Society and Environment
Mrs. Bolt’s Yr 4/5 Class

Society and Environment
Mrs Horstmann’s Yr 2/3 Class

Charlotte

Gemma
The last 2 weeks have been jam-packed with extra-curricular activities including both boys and girls Knockout football, camps, SAPSASA and many more. Ten of our senior girls combined with Mannum Community College and travelled to Nuriootpa to play a round robin event against Nuriootpa High School and Balaklava High. Unfortunately Balaklava withdrew on the morning of the event, leaving the girls with only one match against the Nuri girls. After a blistering start to the game saw both teams going in hard for the ball and enjoying their bumps and chance to tackle, Nuriootpa produced a couple of clean passages of play allowing them to score 2 goals in the first quarter. Rohie was throwing herself at everything and Lisa was winning the ruck taps, but unfortunately the girls just couldn’t get a clear shot on goal.

Then an unfortunate clash of heads saw one of our key playmakers Kahlia taken from the ground with a bruised cheek and a split above her eye! That was all I got to see of the game as I handed over coaching duties to fellow Mannum teacher Luke Mensforth whilst taking poor Kahlia to get stitched up (she didn’t even cry, I think most of the boys would have!). The girls eventually lost 9.8 – 3.5 but should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day, as once again they had to play the back to back reigning girls champion in Nuriootpa in the first round. Well done girls, better luck for next year!

Our boys combined with both Mannum and Eudunda for their clash with Faith Lutheran School, and actually took it right up to the powerful Barossa team. Our boys managed to match their opponents in a number of areas, but the difficulty of playing with unfamiliar people certainly showed, as communication was lacking on numerous occasions (along with a hint of fitness from some of our lads!).

On Tuesday last week I was fortunate enough to take our 4 Integrated Learning students to Adelaide for the annual Sports Academy camp joint with Balaklava High, Port Lincoln High and several other schools from the Eyre Peninsula. This was an absolutely fantastic experience for our young netball and footballers. The boys were taken through the facilities at Alberton and through the Crows new facilities which are simply magnificent (doesn’t seem to be helping......) and were taken for a training session by Port Magpies league coach Tony Bamford and Port Legend Russell Ebert, who also talked about player conditioning, diet, game analysis and attitude. The girls were taken to SASI (South Australian Sports Institute) for a tour then a session with Head Coach Tania Obst, before completing a basic skills umpiring course at ETSA Park. The girls were then lucky enough to speak to and observe the Adelaide Thunderbirds main training session, and many were blown away by the intensity and duration these professional athletes demonstrate. A wonderful learning experience. A big thank you must go to the staff from the Eyre Peninsula who helped organise this extremely rewarding opportunity for our students.

Congratulations must also go to some of our Primary students who are excelling in their chosen sports; Nicole Carter has made the Murraylands SAPSASA netball team, and is competing in Adelaide this week against zones of schools from all over the state. Congratulations Nicole on being selected for this team, and best of luck for the week! Cameron Horstmann has also achieved some fantastic results in SAPSASA athletics earlier this term. After competing in the Murraylands athletics day Cameron was chosen to represent the zone at Santos Stadium in Adelaide. Cameron performed remarkably well on the day, taking home a Silver Medal for boys long jump and a Gold Medal in the boys 4x100m relay. This is a fantastic achievement to perform to this standard against such a high level of competition from all over the state, and Cameron should be very proud of his efforts.

Nick Schmidt – Senior Coordinator